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New Ramp Metering Will Make Getting on State Route 85 Easier, Safer for South Bay Drivers

SANTA CLARA COUNTY — Caltrans will begin work Friday, December 7 on a new series of ramp metering lights and ramp widenings that will help ease congestion on State Route 85 between Mountain View and Cupertino.

Ramp meters regulate the flow of traffic entering a freeway, enabling motorists to safely get on without clogging up traffic.

"This project will make daily travel easier for South Bay commuters," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Ramp metering lights are an effective method of making our highways more efficient at a relatively low cost."

Eleven on-ramps along a six-mile stretch of SR-85 between Interstate 280 and U.S. Highway 101 will be upgraded with ramp meter lights. The average daily traffic volume on this stretch of freeway can surpass 120,000 vehicles. Caltrans also plans to further ease congestion by widening five freeway ramps.

The nearly \$13 million project, which is expected to be completed in late 2014, is a partnership between Caltrans and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The project is supported by \$1.5 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. In total, nearly \$14.6 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

Information related to this project as well as updates can be viewed on the following website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects2/85rampmetering/>

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